GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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Formulation of Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the various challenges/issues faced by the tourism industry in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has constituted inter-Ministerial coordination Committee for resolving issues pertaining to tourism industry;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made by this Committee so far; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government for creation of additional employment in order to facilitate the resolution of issues related to tourism industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): Yes, Madam. The major issues faced by the tourism industry relate to entry formalities, safety and security of tourists, lack of tourism infrastructure, lack of cleanliness and hygiene in tourist spots, lack of connectivity, high and multiple taxation etc.

(b) & (c): An Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee on Tourism Sector (IMCCTS) has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary to help facilitate resolution of inter-ministerial issues involved in the development of tourism in the country. The constitution of the committee is placed as Annexure. Action has already been taken on matters relating to e-tourist Visa for more countries, translation of Visa form in foreign languages, extending e-medical Visa, satellite phones for adventure tourism, Wi-Fi provision at tourist destinations, setting up tourist facilities at ASI monuments and sites etc.

(d): Apart from regular hospitality and tourist management courses, the Hunar Se Rozgar Tak (HSRT) Scheme has been launched to impart employable skills in certain hospitality trades.
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